

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MAY 2, 2006

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met May 2, 2006, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Pastor Gary Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and County Attorney Mark Young.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. 1 Accept and place on file the minutes from the April 18 meeting
2. 5 Set the bid opening for purchasing motor graders for May 16, 2006 at 10:15 a.m.
3. 16 Approve the bi weekly pay claims
4. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – A DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND AND THE COUNTY OF HALL FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – Emergency Management Director Lela Lowry was present. She stated that the committee has met several times regarding the interlocal agreement and it is in the best interest to continue the joint operation of Emergency Management and the E 911 Center. The previous agreement was from 1987 and the new agreement is basically the same. The agreement was clarified regarding the directors position; in that it is under the city. Michelle Oldham has reviewed this contract.

Arnold noted that the fiscal year for Emergency Management is August 1st to July 31st.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Grand Island the County of Hall for the Emergency Management Communications Center. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

b. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GEOCOMM INC AND THE GRAND ISLAND/HALL COUNTY E 911 CENTER. Ms. Lowry stated that they have been working with the State of Nebraska and Geocomm on a mapping solution. The surcharge for the cell phones goes to the State of Nebraska and they have now agreed to release the money back to the counties to assist with a mapping project for the cell phones. This will enable 911 and law enforcement to locate vehicles on roads when a call is made from a cell phone.

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to authorize the chair to sign the Non-disclosure Agreement between Geocomm Inc and the Grand Island/Hall County 911 Center. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN 2006 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORANCE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – This grant provides \$53,000.00 for the salary and benefits of the local Emergency Management Director.

Jeffries questioned if these dollars are in the budget that the county helps fund? These dollars do offset the total budget dollars. Discussion was held if the board had approved this before and Stacey Ruzicka noted that they may not have but it will go through the board in the future.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the 2006 EMPG grant agreement in the amount of \$53,000.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4. SCOTT ROSENDAHL USDA ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL UPDATE – Scott Rosenthal with USDA Animal Damage Control was present. The contracts are due for renewal on July 1, 2006 and he stated that he likes to meet with the counties to address any concerns that there may be. The contract had been increased \$2,500.00 because of the increase in the rabies problems, but since it is not a major issue anymore he is anticipating that the contract will be reduced to \$9,400.00. There is a 5% cost of living increase included. He stated that he has dealt with skunks, badgers, coons, coyotes, and bat issues in Hall County. He also offers technical assistance to any one. He has also addressed issues with beavers and has a side contract with the City for the bird issues. Mr. Rosenthal asked if the board had any questions. Discussion was held on the mountain lion issues and he stated that he has not found any tracts to date. Jeffries noted that there was an older couple that had a skunk problem and Scott helped them out. Lancaster stated that these issues are not just rural issues there was church in town that had a problem with bats and Scott helped them.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and Mike Olsen Executive Director of the Hall County Airport requested to address the board. He stated that he wanted to invite the board to a presentation by the consultant on the passenger demand analysis report. It will be held Monday May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday May 11th there will be public hearing addressing the essential air services and an opportunity for the public to participate. The department of transportation makes the final decision but strong community participation will help the process. He encouraged the board members to attend.

Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and non one responded.

Held a Board of Equalization meeting 9:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

2 COUNTY ATTORNEY – EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AND LITIGATION ON SETTLEMENT OF TERC CASES – County Attorney Mark Young and County Assessor Jan Pelland were present.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:40 a.m. executive session

10:00 a.m. Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to confess judgment on the TERC case for Doris Wagner 1112 North Hancock, Grand Island, in the amount of \$149,980.00 and LaMar Enterprises 2812 West LaMar Avenue, Grand Island, in the amount of \$94,444.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6. COUNTY ATTORNEY - AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN 2006 HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA INITIATIVE CONTRACT AWARD – County Attorney Mark Young was present he stated that this grant provides dollars for a United States District Attorney to process drug cases in federal court.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the grant and authorize the Chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 TRI CITY TASK FORCE - AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN 2006 HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA INITIATIVE CONTRACT AWARD – This is an award for the Tri City Task Force for \$40,502.00 for the Hall County Sheriff's Department. It is for specialized drug enforcement. Other counties also participate in this grant award and Jeffries noted that other counties also receive funding.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the 2006 Hidta contract award for the Tri City Drug Task Force and authorize the Chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Held a board of corrections meeting.

8 DLR UPDATE TO COUNTY BOARD REGARDING THE HALL COUNTY JAIL FACILITY REVISED TIME LINE FOR BID PROPOSALS AND CONSTRUCTION - Martin Berglund and Jim Jaros were present to update the County Board on the jail project. Lancaster thanked Brian Henke, Paul Wagner, Holly Plejdrup and Jimmy Vann for going over the plans.

Mr. Jaros stated that the final plans should be done in one month. They reviewed the site plan, utility plans and the floor plans for the new facility. They noted that the facility will have two primary utility feeds and also emergency power. The placement of the utility feeds will allow for future expansion. On the floor plan the square footage has increased because they will be using steel walls with concrete fill. They also changed the size of the garage door on the sally port to accommodate bus or ambulance access. The house components of the jail have stayed the same. They also noted that the old

jail will be remodeled for holding cells for inmates that are waiting trial. \$500,000.00 was included in the bond issue for this purpose. The video arraignment will also be included in the bid package. They are working with the IT Department for the equipment that will be necessary and also coordinating it with the law enforcement center. They also reviewed the surface finish on the concrete and the colors that will be used. The jail facility will be compatible with the safety center. Jeffries noted that Grand Island has one of the largest manufacturers of mental buildings and they are interested in the project.

DLR reviewed the following schedule:

- May 15 the 95% completed drawing will be available for final review
- May 24 they will go over comments and complete 100% completed drawing
- May 30 County Board will approve 100% final drawings
- June 5 the final 100% drawing will be completed and sent to Jail Standards
- June 19 schedule a conference with Jail Standards for their final approval
- July 11 bid opening will be scheduled
- July 25 award the construction bid

The ground breaking should be the first or second week of August. Jeffries noted that the County Board could call special meetings if necessary. Discussion was held on the colors and DLR will leave some of the samples.

9 DISCUSS OVERSITE OF JAIL CONSTRUCTION- Lancaster thanked representatives of Chief construction for coming to the meeting. Lancaster stated that the City of Grand Island has Robert Faldorf to handle the oversight of the Safety Center construction and she said it is important for the county to also have some one to handle the jail project. Howard Hasset, County Facilities Director, has experience in the construction field. DLR stated that they will be here on a weekly basis and explained that at some point the county will have to hire an outside agency to handle some of the special inspections that are required. Discussion was held and Howard Hasset will participate in the day to day oversight of the jail project.

13 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO HIRE ATTORNEY ON CIVIL CASE REGARDING COMPUTER BILLING – Jeffries stated that they met with Michael Johnson regarding this issue.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to hire Michael Johnson as legal counsel to investigate any claims related to computer services provided to the County, with full authority to make all decision regarding litigation or preparation for litigation including the hiring of experts whether accounting experts or otherwise.

Hartman questioned if it was necessary to hire another account since there is already one working on this and he also expressed concern hiring some one in Grand Island. He questioned if it would have been better to hire an attorney from out of town. Jeffries stated that he talked to a couple of attorney's in town regarding this type of a case and Mr. Johnson was selected. Hartman questioned if the county could save some money by using the same auditor? The board wants to make sure everything is covered.

County Attorney Mark Young stated he talked to Mr. Johnson and he is open to using the same accountant and they are working through the issues.

The vote on the motion to hire Michael Johnson was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS - Arnold – He reported that the computer committee has been working on the budget. He noted that this is one budget the county board has the most input on.

Jeffries – He reported that he attended the union negotiations and there are more meetings scheduled. He attended a county facilities meeting and also met with the attorney that was hired.

Rye – No report they all have been discussed.

Hartman - no report

Humiston – All reported on.

Lancaster – All reported on

Eriksen – He reported that he and County Sheriff Jerry Watson have met with Cairo, Wood River and Alda regarding the law enforcement contracts. They will expire in October and they are working on the renewals. He also reported that the City Council will meet tonight to accept the bids for the Safety Center.

QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR – Roll call for the jail tour was taken Arnold. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye will attend the jail tour.

Meeting adjourned. Then next meeting will be May 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk